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To LANCELOT LACKRENT, Esq.

Behold *us almoſt broken to the Yoke,*
Robb'd of our ancient Spirit, ſunk in Baſeneſs,
At home corrupted, *and* deſpiſed *abroad*;
Behold *our Wealth conſumed, thoſe Treaſures ſquander'd,*
That might protect and nouriſh wholeſome Peace,
Or urge a glorious *War, on Wretches ſquander'd,*
A venal Crew, that plunder and diſgrace us.

THOMSON.

SIR,

I Should be glad to furniſh Sir George Savile with that *Weſtminſter-Hall-Proof*, which, I believe, is the only Proof that is wanting, of the Influence of the Crown in our Houſe of Commons; but as that is not in my Power, I beg Leave to ſubmit to the *Eyes* of my Brother Freeholders that Sort of Proof, which, though not a Mathematical, may be called, I think, an Ocular Demonſtration of our preſent Corruption: The Ayes and Noes of thoſe Gentlemen whoſe Names I ſend you, upon every Popular and Miniſterial Queſtion, will add to thoſe who hear them the Evidence of the Ear to that of the Eye, and beſt determine whether they are the Slaves of a Court or the Friends of the People. If to the Liſt I ſend you herewith be added all the Scotch Members, (except Mr. Dempſter and Lord George Gordon) who conſtantly vote with the Court, upon every Queſtion and under every Miniſter, we ſhall ſee at once

to *whom* and to *what* we are obliged for that Majority in the Houſe of Commons which has reduced us to our preſent moſt calamitous Situation. It is high Time, Sir, that the Nation ſhould take their Affairs into their own Hands, and purſue the moſt effectual Meaſures to procure a more equal Repreſentation of the People, and ſhorten the preſent unconſtitutional Duration of Parliament. I have only to add, that I have ſigned the Petition, and ſhall certainly ſign any Aſſociation which may promote the Freedom and Independence of Parliament. I am, Sir,

LEEDS, Jan. 25, 1780. } Your very humble Servant,
A Weſt-Riding Freeholder.

P. S. I have no Doubt but that there are many more Members in the Houſe of Commons who are notoriouſly under the Influence of the Court; but *Ex pede Herculem.*

Liſt of PLACEMEN, PENSIONERS, CONTRACTORS, *&c. in the Houſe of Commons.*——————Oculis ſubjecta fidelibus.

YORKSHIRE.	Edwin Laſcelles, *Hereditary Collector of Barbadoes*, has lately obtained the Place of Groom of the Bedchamber for his Couſin Col. Laſcelles, and the Living of Halifax for ——————
RICHMOND.	W. Norton, eldeſt Son of the Speaker, Envoy to the Swiſs Cantons, a Sinecure.
BEDFORD Town.	Samuel Whitbread, Brewer and Contractor.
AYLESBURY.	Anthony Bacon, Contractor
MARLOW.	Sir John Warren, made Firſt Lieutenant to Sir Charles Hardy, and ſince promoted to the Command of a Sloop for voting with the Miniſter.
WENDOVER.	Henry Drummond, Contractor.
LAUNCESTON.	Humphry Morice, Warden of the Stannaries, and Steward of the Dutchy of Cornwall.
CAMBRIDGE Town.	Soame Jenyns, a Lord of Trade.
CORNWALL.	Ed. Elliot, Receiver General of the Dutchy of Cornwall.
LISKEARD.	Ed. Gibbon, one of the Lords of Trade *.
LYSTWITHIEL.	Thomas Potter, a Welſh Judge.
TRURO.	Bamber Gaſcoyne, a Lord of Trade.
HELSTON.	Francis Cockayne Cuſt, Counſel to the Army and Navy.
SALTASH.	Sir Grey Cooper, Secretary of the Treaſury, and two Receiverſhips.
EAST LOOE.	John Buller, Lord of the Admiralty, Comptroller of the Mint, and Auditor of the Dutchy of Cornwall.

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WEST

* And Author of a French Treatiſe on National (not Chriſtian) Juſtification. L. L.

WEST LOOE.	Sir William James, Contractor, and Deputy Chairman of the India Houſe.
GRAMPOUND.	Sir Joſeph Yorke, Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the States General.
CAMELFORD.	John Amyand, Contractor.
PENRYN.	Sir G. Oſborne, Groom of the Bedchamber.
	Sir R. Payne, Clerk of the Board of Green Cloth.
St. IVES.	Lord Newborough, Auditor of Wales.
St. GERMANS.	Benj. L'Anglois, Storekeeper of Ordnance, and one of the Under Secretaries in the Northern Department.
St. MITCHELL.	John Stephenſon, Contractor.
St. MAWES.	Earl Nugent, Vice-Treaſurer of Ireland.
OKEHAMPTON.	R. Vernon, one of the Clerks of Green Cloth.
BEREALSTON.	Sir Francis Drake, Maſter of the Houſhold.
PLYMPTON.	John Durand, Contractor.
BARNRSTAPLE.	W. Devaynes, Contractor, and Director of the Eaſt-India Company.
	John Cleveland, Accountant of Sixpenny Receiver's Office.
TAVISTOCK.	B. Rigby, Paymaſter General of the Land Forces, and Maſter of the Rolls in Ireland for Life.
EXETER.	John Baring, Contractor.
DORCHESTER.	William Ewer, Director of the Bank.
LIME.	Henry Fane, Surveyor of the King's private Roads.
WEYMOUTH.	Welbore Ellis, Treaſurer of the Navy.
WAREHAM.	William Gerard Hamilton, Chancellor of Exchequer in Ireland.
CORF CASTLE.	John Jenkinſon, Gentleman Uſher of the Private Chambers to the Queen, and Secretary in Ireland.
MALDEN.	Richard Naſſau, Clerk of the Board of Green Cloth.
Ditto.	J. Strut, Contractor.
HARWICH.	J. Robinſon, Secretary to the Treaſury.
GLOUCESTER.	Geo. Selwyn, Surveyor of the Meltings, &c. Paymaſter of the Board of Works.
HEREFORDSHIRE.	Alderman Harley, Contractor.
LEOMINSTER.	Lord Bateman, the Buck Hounds.
WEOBLY.	Sir William Lynch, Envoy to Turin.
St. ALBAN'S.	Sir Richard Sutton, a Penſion, and Counſel to the Board of Ordnance.
HUNTINGDONSHIRE.	Lord Hinchinbroke, Vice-Chamberlain.
Huntingdon.	Lord Mulgrave, Lord of the Admiralty.

Ditto.	Sir George Wombwell, Contractor.
QUEENBOROUGH.	Sir C. Frederick, Surveyor General of the Ordnance, and Comptroller of the Laboratory at Woolwich.
WIGAN.	John Moreton, Chief Juſtice of Cheſter, and Attorney General to the Queen.
Ditto.	Sir Walter Rawlinſon, Envoy to Venice.
GRANTHAM.	P. Cuſt, Contractor.
BOSTON.	Lord R. Bertie, Lord of the Bedchamber.
MONMOUTH.	Sir John Stepney, Envoy to Dreſden.
YARMOUTH.	C. Townſhend, Vice-Treaſurer of Ireland.
THETFORD.	Gen. Fitzroy, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen.
NORWICH.	Edward Bacon, Clerk of the Privileges and Elections.
BRACKLEY.	William Egerton, Yeoman, Clerk of the Jewel Office.
	Timothy Caſwell, Deputy Paymaſter General of the Forces.
OXFORDSHIRE.	Lord C. Spencer, Treaſurer of the Chamber.
City of Oxford.	Lord R. Spencer, Lord of Trade.
WOODSTOCK.	William Eden, a Lord of Trade, and Auditor of Greenwich Hoſpital.
BANBURY.	Lord North, firſt Lord of the Treaſury, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Warden and Admiral of Cinque Ports, &c.
RUTLANDSHIRE.	G. Brudenel, Clerk of Green Cloth.
BISHOP'S CASTLE.	A. Wedderburn, Attorney General.
IVELCHESTER.	O. Brereton, Conſtable of Flint Caſtle.
BATH.	Abel Moyſey, a Welch Judge.
WINCHESTER.	Henry Penton, Lord of the Admiralty, and Letter Carrier to his Majeſty.
NEWPORT.	Sir Richard Worſley, Comptroller of the Houſhold, Governor and Captain General of the Iſle of Wight, and Governor of Cariſbrooke Caſtle.
	Hans Sloane, Deputy Cofferer of his Majeſty's Houſhold.
NEWTON.	Charles Ambler, King's Counſel, and Solicitor General to the Queen.
CHRIST-CHURCH.	James Harris, Secretary and Comptroller to the Queen.
STAFFORD.	R. Whitworth, a Penſioner.
TAMWORTH.	R. De Grey, Secretary to Lord G. Germain, a Lord of Trade, and Comptroller of Iriſh Fruits and Tenths.
Ditto.	A. Chamier, Under Secretary of State.

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LITCHFIELD.	T. Gilbert, Comptroller of the King's Wardrobe, and Paymaſter of Penſions to the Widows of Sea Officers.
OXFORD.	Lord Beauchamp, Cofferer of the Houſhold.
EYE.	J. St. John, Surveyor General of Crown Lands.
GATTON.	R. Mayne, Contractor.
RIEGATE.	Hon. John Yorke, Clerk of the Crown in the Court of Chancery.
	Sir C. Cocks, Clerk of the Ordnance.
GUILDFORD.	Sir Fletcher Norton, Chief Juſtice in Eyre, South of Trent.
	G. Onſlow, Outranger of Windſor Foreſt.
Borough of SOUTHWARK.	H. Thrale, Contractor.
HORSHAM.	J. Wallace, Solicitor General.
SHOREHAM.	Sir J. Shelley, Bart. Keeper of the Records in the Tower, and Clerk of the Pipe in the Exchequer.
MIDHURST.	John Ord, Attorney General of the Dutchy of Lancaſter, &c.
Ditto.	H. Conway, two Places.
GRIMSTEAD.	Lord G. Germain, Secretary of State, &c.
WARWICK.	C. Greville, Lord of Trade.
MARLBOROUGH.	J. Brudenel, Keeper of the Privy Purſe, and Maſter of Robes to his Majeſty.
CHIPPENHAM.	Sir Edw. Bayntun, Surveyor of the Dutchy of Cornwall.
MALMSBURY.	W. Strahan, King's Printer.
HEYLESBURY.	Sir W. Gordon, Groom of the Bedchamber.
WOTTON-BASSET.	H. St. John, Groom of the Bedchamber and Inſpector General.
WILTON.	H. Herbert, Groom of the Bedchamber.—C. Herbert, ditto.
DOWNTON.	Sir P. Hales, Groom of the Bedchamber.
BEWDLEY.	Lord Weſtcote, Lord of the Treaſury.
DOVER.	J. Henniker, Contractor.
HASTINGS.	C. Jenkinſon, Clerk of the Pells in Ireland, and Secretary at War.
Ditto.	Lord Palmerſton, Lord of Treaſury.
ROMNEY.	R. Jackſon, Counſel of the Board of Trade.
RYE.	W. Dickenſon, a Penſion.
SANDWICH.	P. Stephens, Secretary to the Admiralty.
SEAFORD.	Lord Gage, Paymaſter of Penſions.
WINCHELSEA.	C. Cornwall, Lord of the Treaſury.
CARDIGANSHIRE.	Earl of Liſburne, Lord of the Admiralty.
MONTGOMERY.	Whitſhed Keene, Secretary to the Lord Chamberlain, and Surveyor of the Board of Works.

RADNOR.	Edward Lewis, Contractor.
BRECHIN.	Adam Drummond, Contractor.
FIFESHIRE.	James Townſhend Oſwald, Secretary and Clerk of the Crown Leeward Iſlands.
LANERKSHIRE.	A. Stuart, Keeper of the Signet in Scotland, a Lord of Trade in England.
ROSS-SHIRE.	Stuart M'Kenzie, Privy Seal of Scotland.
RUTHERGLEN.	Lord Frederick Campbell, Lord Regiſter of Scotland.
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PEEBLES.	Sir R. Murray Keith, Envoy Extraordinary to the Court of Vienna.

Though ſome of the Perſons in the foregoing Catalogue deſerve to be ranked with better Company, and have withſtood the Influence of Corruption, their Number is too ſmall to compenſate for the melancholy Reflections with which upon the whole, we peruſe the dreary Liſt; but excluſive of the Names here ſtated, who reap the Emoluments of either efficient or non-efficient Civil Offices, the Army contributes forty-eight, and the Navy ſixteen Members to the Body of your immaculate Repreſentatives. To theſe how many may be added whoſe Names are inrolled in the Penſion Liſts? I once entertained ſome faint Hopes of being able to have determined To-day with Preciſion; but am now, alas! obliged to ſpeak in general Language, and only to ſay that their Numbers are ſuch as to preclude all Information upon the Subject: For, as I predicted in my laſt Paper, the Miniſter has prevailed, and, by the very Means which have created your Miſeries, has been able to procure a Majority in the Houſe of Commons to perpetuate them; has employed his criminal Inſtruments to withhold from Diſcuſſion their own Criminality, and conceal that Bead-roll of Names which would evince the Charge of the People, that not a ſingle Penſion is annexed to a public Service.

That Corruption is the Source of all our Grievances is the Amount of our Complaint; to this the Enemies of the Country object that we have adduced no Evidence; in the Perſon of our good and faithful Repreſentative Sir George Savile we urge the Inquiry; who therefore is it that now withholds the Evidence of the Charge? The Culprit takes Refuge in the pretended Incompetency of the Court to which the Cauſe is referred, and refuſes to plead to a popular Accuſation: His Refuſal amounts to a virtual Flight; in his Flight his Confeſſion is included, and therefore, though we are thus indeed rendered unable to ſtate his Treaſons againſt the Majeſty of the People in Detail, yet in the Groſs we are authoriſed to eſtabliſh his Guilt, and award that Judgment which would have been incurred by Conviction.

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The Liſts then withheld from our Inſpection, as well as the Liſt here publiſhed, bear Teſtimony that two Thirds of the Houſe of Commons receive Money: Experience bears Teſtimony that two Thirds of that Houſe act as if they were corrupted; the Voice of Mr. Smelt, and the ——— is in the Voice, bears Teſtimony that all Men have their Price, and are equally corruptible by Money; what Subterfuge now remains to the wretched Advocate of unconſtitutional Influence? Will he ſay that this vaſt Portion of a corruptible Race receive Money that does not corrupt them?

It is yet, however, ſome Felicity that our ſecond Reſolution entered into at the County Meeting has appointed a Committee to promote the Object of our Petition; that this Committee has accordingly opened a Correſpondence, as extenſive as the Kingdom itſelf, effectually to promote it; that a ſecond Meeting of the County approaches; and that Means perfectly legal and conſtitutional are yet in the Poſſeſſion of an injured and inſulted People to enforce not only Attention, but a rightful Compliance with their legal and conſtitutional Demands. E G

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